

Hillside Compartment 4. Desired stand conditions indicating where habitat and wildlife variables warrant management. (309 acres dry forest much of which is inaccessible, 872 acres in wet forest/dying timber, 36 acres in reforestation, and 36 acres in levee totaling 1,253 acres)

Forest Variables ¹	Desired Stand Condition (LMVJV 2007)	Conditions that May Warrant Management (LMVJV 2007)	Existing Refuge Stand Condition	Existing Conditions meet or exceed 'May Warrant Management' levels
Overstory canopy cover	60 – 70 %	>80%	57% of plots are greater than 80 %	
Midstory cover	25 – 40 %	<20% or >50%	21% of plots meet this condition 79% of plots >60%	X
Basal area (BA)	60 – 70 ft ² / acre with ≥25% in older age classes ²	>90ft ² / acre or ≥60% in older age classes	104 BA	X
Tree stocking	60 – 70 %	<50% or >90%	93 %	X
Dominant trees ³	>2 / acre	<1 / acre	1 / acre	
Understory cover	25 – 40%	<20%	36% of plots meet this condition 64 % is less than 25%	X
Regeneration ⁴	30 – 40% of area	<20% of area	334/acre of shade intolerant regeneration across entire area 663 total regen/ac.	
Coarse woody debris (>10 inch diameter)	≥200 ft ³ / acres	<100ft ³ / acre	81 cu.ft./acre 4.4 logs/acre ave. 12.5" dbh	X
Small cavities (<10 inch diameter)	>4 visible holes / acre or >4 "snag" stems ≥4 inch dbh or ≥2 stems >20 inch dbh	<2 visible holes / acre or <2 snags ≥4 inch dbh or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh	4.1 snags / acre ave. 13.2" dbh 4 tpa > 20"	
Den trees/large cavities ⁵ (>10 inch diameter)	1 visible hole / 10 acres or ≥2 stems ≥26 inch dbh (≥8 ft ² BA ≥26 inch dbh)	0 visible holes / 10 acres or <1 stem ≥26 inch dbh (<4 ft ² BA ≥ 26 inch dbh)	0 large cavities noted 1.3 culls/acre ave. 20.5" dbh	X
Standing dead and/or stressed trees ⁵	>6 stems / acre ≥10 inch dbh or ≥2 stems ≥20 inch dbh (>4 ft ² BA ≥ 10 inch dbh)	<4 stems ≥10 inch dbh / acre or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh (<2 ft ² BA ≥ 10)	4.1snags/acre ave. 13.2" dbh	X

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Percent of Overstory, Midstory, Understory and presence of Vines and Cane, Hillside Compartment 4.

Overstory Canopy	Midstory Canopy	Understory Canopy	Vine Coverage	Cane
57 % > 80	79 % > 60	0 % > 60	35 % sparse	79 % none
43 % 50-80	21 % 25-60	36 % 25-60	29 % moderate	21 % sparse
0 % < 50	0 % < 25	64 % < 25	36 % heavy	0 % heavy
Target 60-70	Target 25-40	Target 25-40		

Trees Per Acre:	Sawtimber	20
	Pulpwood	141
	Cull	1.3
	Total	162
	Snags	4.1
	Logs	4.4

Basal Area:	Sawtimber	33
	Pulpwood	68
	Cull	3
	Total	104

Ave. dbh of sawtimber 17.5", ave. dbh of pulpwood 9.4"

Volume: 2,098 bd. ft. volume of sawtimber/acre
21 cords of pulpwood/acre

HLD_C4_S8_2013 Desired stand conditions indicating where habitat and wildlife variables warrant management. (reforestation area-17 acres seedling planted 03/81)

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Overstory canopy cover	60 – 70 %	>80%	0 % of plots are greater than 80 % 67 % is < 50	
Midstory cover	25 – 40 %	<20% or >50%	100 % of plots were greater than 60%	X
Basal area (BA)	60 – 70 ft ² / acre with ≥25% in older age classes ²	>90ft ² / acre or ≥60% in older age classes	33 BA	
Tree stocking	60 – 70 %	<50% or >90%	< 50 %	X
Dominant trees ³	>2 / acre	<1 / acre	< 1/acre	X
Understory cover	25 – 40%	<20%	100 % of plots meet this condition	
Regeneration ⁴	30 – 40% of area	<20% of area	500 total regen. 167/acre of shade intolerant regeneration	
Coarse woody debris (>10 inch diameter)	≥200 ft ³ / acres	<100ft ³ / acre	0 cu.ft./acre	X
Small cavities (<10 inch diameter)	>4 visible holes / acre or >4 “snag” stems ≥4 inch dbh or ≥2 stems >20 inch dbh	<2 visible holes / acre or <2 snags ≥4 inch dbh or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh	N/A	
Den trees/large cavities ⁵ (>10 inch diameter)	1 visible hole / 10 acres or ≥2 stems ≥26 inch dbh (≥8 ft ² BA ≥26 inch dbh)	0 visible holes / 10 acres or <1 stem ≥26 inch dbh (<4 ft ² BA ≥ 26 inch dbh)	N/A	
Standing dead and/or stressed trees ⁵	>6 stems / acre ≥10 inch dbh or ≥2 stems ≥20 inch dbh (>4 ft ² BA ≥ 10 inch dbh)	<4 stems ≥10 inch dbh / acre or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh inch dbh) (<2 ft ² BA ≥ 10)	N/A	

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0 % > 80	100 % > 60	0 % > 60	0 % sparse	67 % none
33 % 50-80	0 % 25-60	100 % 25-60	0 % moderate	33 % sparse
67 % <50	0 % < 25	0 % < 25	100 % heavy	0 % heavy
Target 60-70	Target 25-40	Target 25-40		

Trees Per Acre:	Sawtimber	7
	Pulpwood	80
	Cull	0
	Total	87
	Snags	1.7
	Logs	0

Basal Area:	Sawtimber	8
	Pulpwood	25
	Cull	0
	Total	33

Ave. dbh sawtimber 14.5" and ave. dbh of pulpwood 7.6"

Volume: 332 bd. Ft. / acre of sawtimber
4.9 cords / acre of pulpwood

HLD_C4_S62_2013 Desired stand conditions indicating where habitat and wildlife variables warrant management. (reforestation area-19 acres seedling planted 02/92) Water is encroaching from the west and has devastated all but approx. 6 acres of the stand.

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Midstory cover	25 – 40 %	<20% or >50%	100 % of plots are greater than 60%	X
Basal area (BA)	60 – 70 ft ² / acre with ≥25% in older age classes ²	>90ft ² / acre or ≥60% in older age classes	100 BA	X
Tree stocking	60 – 70 %	<50% or >90%	91%	X
Dominant trees ³	>2 / acre	<1 / acre	< 1/acre	X
Understory cover	25 – 40%	<20%	100% of plots less than 25%	X
Regeneration ⁴	30 – 40% of area	<20% of area	800 total regen. 0/acre of shade intolerant regeneration	X
Coarse woody debris (>10 inch diameter)	≥200 ft ³ / acres	<100ft ³ / acre	0 cu.ft./acre	X
Small cavities (<10 inch diameter)	>4 visible holes / acre or >4 “snag” stems ≥4 inch dbh or ≥2 stems >20 inch dbh	<2 visible holes / acre or <2 snags ≥4 inch dbh or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh	N/A	
Den trees/large cavities ⁵ (>10 inch diameter)	1 visible hole / 10 acres or ≥2 stems ≥26 inch dbh (≥8 ft ² BA ≥26 inch dbh)	0 visible holes / 10 acres or <1 stem ≥26 inch dbh (<4 ft ² BA ≥ 26 inch dbh)	N/A	
Standing dead and/or stressed trees ⁵	>6 stems / acre ≥10 inch dbh or ≥2 stems ≥20 inch dbh (>4 ft ² BA ≥ 10 inch dbh)	<4 stems ≥10 inch dbh / acre or <1 stem ≥20 inch dbh (<2 ft ² BA ≥ 10)	N/A	

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100 % > 80	100 % > 60	0 % > 60	100 % sparse	100 % none
0 % 50-80	0 % 25-60	0 % 25-60	0 % moderate	0 % sparse
0 % <50	0 % < 25	100 % < 25	0 % heavy	0 % heavy
Target 60-70	Target 25-40	Target 25-40		

Trees Per Acre:	Sawtimber	10
	Pulpwood	200
	Cull	0
	Total	210
	Snags	0
	Logs	0

Basal Area:	Sawtimber	12
	Pulpwood	88
	Cull	0
	Total	100

Ave. dbh of sawtimber 15", ave. dbh of pulpwood 9"

Volume: 555 bd. ft. volume of sawtimber/acre
23.2 cords of pulpwood/acre